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Fires from Matches.

The Insurance Chronicle has an extended article on matches, and the danger connected with their use. The journal says that although very serviceable in every day use and of great convenience they are rather treacherous companions. The Chronicle continues, "that some of our esteemed contemporaries have been speculating lately as to the extent of the annual fire loss caused by the match, and as nowhere else than in the fire records kept by this paper is the true history of his exploits to be found we feel it a duty to assist our journalistic and underwriting readers in their efforts to get at a correct estimate of the annual money losses attributable to his destructive deeds, or perhaps, misdeeds."

Usually matches cause fire in three ways, their careless use, children playing with them, and rats and mice. During the year ending with June, 1883, there were 133 noteworthy conflagrations in the United States caused by matches in one of the manners specified. From the first cause the loss amounted to \$271,759; the second, \$143,685, and the third, \$30,150, making a grand total of \$445,594 of losses sustained, on which there was \$211,685 insurance.

In only about three-fifths of the fires which come under notice, are the fire causes assigned, hence, if among the fires whose causes are not reported the same ratio holds good, about \$800,000 worth of property in the United States is annually consumed by match-fires. And, perhaps, it would not be too extravagant to estimate that the loss would be even a round million of dollars if the smaller losses were included. But the showing is bad enough without indulging in hypotheses to make it larger, and we will contentedly assume that \$700,000 covers the entire loss.

The property destroyed by these fires is of all classes. During the twelve months under review dwellings, cigar stores, saloons, carpet factories, commission stores, cotton gins, paper mills, clothing stores, barns, country stores, and scores of other risks have been the prey of match fire. Naturally in places of public resort such fires are the most liable to originate. Matches are carelessly thrown on the floor or tossed into heaps of sawdust and the ignition of some contagious inflammable is an ordinary result.

The Chronicle prints a table which contains many fluctuations which are given no special significance, except pointing out the fact that match-fires are most numerous and destructive during the six months when domestic fires and lamps are most in demand. Owing to the careless use of matches fires were caused in West Virginia involving a total loss of \$37,500. The juvenile proclivity to play with matches caused a total loss of property in twenty-four States of \$113,885. Under the head of rats and mice West Virginia is set down as sustaining a loss of \$100 from that cause.

Before Lady Rosebery nee Rothschild, left San Francisco for China she visited the synagogue, and after passing some time in devotion she left \$100 to be distributed among the poor.

The wife of Lieutenant Governor Ames, of Massachusetts, has given \$30,000 to the Boston Free Hospital for Women during the past year.

The Crown Princess of Germany is a "universal woman." She writes political memoirs, takes philosophy, carries statuary, composes sonatas, and dabbles in architecture and painting.

Dr. Posey's sister, a wife of the late Provost of Worcester College, Oxford, who died recently, did not share her brother's views. "I am a Posey," she would say, "but not a Poswille."

Mr. Joseph C. Hendrix, whom the Brooklyn Democrats have nominated for Mayor against the Republican model, Seth Low, was appointed school director by his opponent a year ago.

The furniture of Sarah Barnhart's house, including her picture, was advertised for sale the other day for a debt of only 1,200 francs. It was sold before the day of sale.

Bishop Simpson, of Philadelphia, is in Chicago. He is the most eloquent orator in the Methodist Episcopal Church—probably one of the best orators in the world—sometimes disappointing on account of his dryness, and at other times rising to a whetstone of fire all around him.—New York Herald.

Charles Reed is again, after a long interval of inaction, at work upon an important novel. His health, which was recently impaired, is entirely restored, and he is writing with all his old energy.

Mr. Hoadly's experiences with his organ in Cincinnati ought to have served as a warning to Payne, of Cleveland. But it hasn't, it appears, and Payne is going into the organ business on his own account. Book-whippers are rising as a consequence.—Chicago Tribune.

Captain Mayne Reilly.

Of Captain Mayne Reilly's boyhood we hear little, except that his father, a Presbyterian minister, designed him also for the pulpit.

The clerical profession was not to his taste, and at the age of twenty he left his father and his tasks, to cross the sea. Landing in New Orleans, he began a career of adventure in the wilds of America. He made two excursions up the Red River, and ascending the Missouri explored the vast prairies which the waste of civilization had not yet reached. He afterward traveled extensively in the States, writing descriptions of his journeys for the newspaper press.

He was thus employed when, in 1845, war between the United States and Mexico broke out, and young Reid threw himself ardently into the struggle as a volunteer. He greatly distinguished himself by his bravery at the storming of Chapultepec, where he received a painful wound, from the effects of which he never recovered.

The war over, Captain Reid resigned his commission. But the spirit of adventure was roused in him again when the Hungarian struggle for freedom enlisted the sympathies of his countrymen, and he went there, and in 1849 he organized, in Hungary, a body of men to join it. He had arrived in Paris, on his way to Hungary, when news reached him of the failure of the insurrection.

Reid then retired to England and settled down to literary work, and there in his home he lives the life of a quiet country gentleman, devoting himself to literature and rural pursuits.

Out of the Jaws.

Tolson, Ohio.—The Express: A prominent merchant, who was at the point of death from the physicians pronounced kidney and spine trouble, has been cured by St. Jacobs Oil, the great pain-banisher.

## FORMATION OF WEST VIRGINIA.

See Dr. Seward's Desire to Cut Virginia in Two.

A local writer in one of the Washington, D. C. journals thus tells how the State of West Virginia happened to be created. He says:

In 1862, after the battle of Chancellorsville, the Confederacy was at its height, and Mr. Seward was informed by his confidential agents in France and England, and also by the Roman Catholic Archbishop Hughes, (who, at Mr. Lincoln's request, had made a visit to the Holy Father at Rome for the purpose of collecting his powerful influence in favor of the Union, that there was a very strong and rapidly growing sentiment in England and France in favor of the recognition of the Southern Confederacy, and, in fact, it seemed that it might soon occur. Louis Napoleon openly avowed it, and sent a special envoy, the Duke de Morny—to the English Premier, Lord Palmerston, to urge a common action. When Mr. Seward learned this he was very much troubled. He sent for John Minor Botts and other prominent Virginians, and said:

"We must cut Virginia in two and make a new State out of the western part of it. If the Southern Confederacy does succeed, the State of Virginia, as it is now constituted geographically, will belong to the Southern Confederacy, and in that case it would almost cut the North in two."

"Why, how is that?" said one of Mr. Seward's listeners.

"Look at this map," he replied, with a great map of the United States before him. "Don't you see that point in Virginia to the extreme northwestern point in Virginia to the great lakes it is only about ninety miles?"

"Yes, they saw it."

"Well, then, you see what I mean? We must take measures at once to make a new State out of the northwestern part of Virginia, and maintain it at all hazards against the control of the rebels. We need two loyal Senators anyhow, and we can in this way get them from West Virginia."

That evening Mr. Seward went over to the White House and saw Mr. Lincoln. He immediately explained his project. Mr. Lincoln was at once deeply interested. He saw the force of Seward's argument, and while he did not believe the Confederacy would succeed, he realized the wisdom of foreseeing a possible evil and taking the necessary precautions against it. In short, he ordered immediate steps to be taken to create the new State and have it admitted into the Federal Union. The military commanders of that territory were instructed to aid in the matter, and the result was that the new State was formed and admitted into the Union.

In Richmond, at first, no one could comprehend what it was all about. But one day, in a conversation with Hon. J. W. Caperton, of West Virginia, Mr. Benjamin's acute intellect evolved the real reason. "The Washington government is scared," said he, "and they are going to succeed. That is why they are so anxious about this new State. Why, the Confederacy will almost bisect the Northern Republic if this is not done." He went directly to Mr. Davis and explained the matter, and Mr. Davis concurred with him that he had the real reason.

Traversed cloth and billiard cloth are two new varieties of material intended for tailor-made suits. They come in most of the desirable dark shades, including dark reds and blues. The first named material resembles lady's cloth with a triple rougher surface, while the second material shows a smooth surface, lacking, however, the gloss of the broadcloth so much used and so deservedly popular with the majority.

Chenille in all forms will be one of the fashionable novelties of the winter. Chenille shawls, scarves and fichus, in all shades, from the most delicate to the deepest sea green, white fringes and bands come in great variety of tints for evening dresses as well as for dark toques. Chenille pommies and narrow bands are also much used in the millinery department.

The newest sleeves are made with only one seam on the underside of the arm, and fit closely from shoulder to wrist. Those made full and gathered over the shoulder are no longer fashionable.

Long, slender pins for hats and neckwear are considered most stylish. Sport dresses, gowns, base ball bats, and lawn tennis rackets may be mentioned as a few of the approved designs.

Imitation Irish point embroidery in ecm silk, decorated with flowers in bright colors applied over the surface, is one of the loveliest of new trimmings for evening and reception toilets.

The newest for collars are made narrow in the back with long tabs in front and are named after the old-fashioned style, of which they are almost the exact counterpart.

The new gauntlet gloves possess one notable overlooked advantage. The retaining width at the wrist has the effect of diminishing perceptibly the size of the hand.

Shaded single leaves woven of fine chenille in brown are used as trimming over a cashmere dress of the same shade with very pretty effect.

New designs on the braided jerseys are seen made of heavy cord in the leaf form and have the appearance of upplique work.

A novelty in velvet for skirt drapery shows large chenille dots raised from the surface at regular intervals.

Heavy outside garments made of the same material accompany all the new tailor-made suits for the winter.

Gimp and galon trimmings are much used with cashmere and other woolen dresses.

Pale gray plumes over a hat of black velvet is one of the loveliest combinations shown.

Every one should tell his neighbor that the best remedy for curing coughs and colds, and the only sure cure for consumption, is Dr. Wistar's Balsam of Wild Cherry. It is pleasant to take and very soothing and healing in its effect.

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Woodchucks are common in many parts of almost the entire country, and it is easy for farmers to kill a few for their oil, as well as get rid of their pest. They are numerous. Eight or ten of them are said to consume as much clover as a cow. New Hampshire farmers have a triple reason for trapping or shooting them, viz., the bounty, their oil, and saving their support. They make several hundred in apple orchards among green corn, pumpkins, and several field and garden crops, to say nothing of their excavations in the fields. We know of a horse severely lamed by stepping into one of their holes, and have heard of several others.

If dealers in harness will keep the oil on sale, it will bring a good price whenever its qualities become known; while the opening of a market for the oil would stimulate and hasten the destruction of the pests. We have taken fully two quarts of oil from a full grown, fat fourteen-pound "chuck."

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